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For: PARALLEL FIXED BED  
REACTOR AND FLUID  
CONTACTING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT C

SIR:

In response to the phone conferences with Examiner P. Bex on May 15, 2000, and with Examiner L. Lee on May 17, 2000, please enter the following supplemental amendment to the above-referenced application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3, 9-14, 32-34, 41-47, 63-70, 73, 75 and 79-81. Please amend claims 4, 6-8, 15, 16, 35, 37, 40, 48, 61, 62, 76-78 and 82-92, as follows. Please add new claims 93 and 94 as follows.

✓ 4. (twice amended) An apparatus for screening members of a library, the apparatus comprising [The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising]  
at least six vessels for receiving library members, each of the at least six vessels having an inlet and an outlet,  
a detector for analyzing vessel effluent,  
a fluid handling system for providing fluid flow simultaneously through the at least six vessels, and